



# SUMMARY OF ROUND 1 PUBLIC INPUT

## Aspect of Community Life – Human Needs

### I. Community Elements Receiving Most Round 1 Emphasis (Top 4)

<u>Element</u>	<u>Protect</u>	<u>Grow</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adequate, Safe, Affordable Housing	343	<u>500</u>	843
Educational Opportunity	298	<u>456</u>	754
Protection of Natural Resources	<u>336</u>	198	534
Medical Services / Health Care	347	356	703
Human Needs Sheet Totals (All Elements)	2244	2463	4707
<i>Other Noteworthy Elements (Informers)</i>	<i>None</i>		

### II. Themes Found in Written Responses to Questions

People Like:	Community is a great size; has the feel of a small community; friendly people; great rural / urban mix; a variety of activities
People Want:	A better Lexington; opportunities for all
Greatest Asset:	Great people [70]; right size [40]; rural / urban mix [40]; safe [20]; variety of activities [10]; University of Kentucky [40]; access to higher education [20]
Greatest Weakness:	Divisiveness [30]; lack of activities [30]; lack of teen activities [40]
Greatest Opportunity	University of Kentucky / higher education [40]; young people [30]
Greatest Challenge:	Equity issues [20]; access to services, education [10]; achieve an environment where all citizens can be fully productive [10]
Legacy / History:	UK basketball [120]; horse industry [80]; UK / higher education center [50]; great people [20]
Vision / Future:	Equitable community inclusive of all people [30]; higher education center [30]; people are active and healthy [10]
Great Idea Topics:	Education, affordable housing, health care

## Aspect of Community Life – Physical Growth

### I. Community Elements Receiving Most Round I Emphasis (Top 4)

<u>Element</u>	<u>Protect</u>	<u>Grow</u>	<u>Total</u>
Transportation Alternatives / Monorail	115	636	751
Public Facility Capacity (Parks, Schools, etc)	251	427	678
Land Use Decisions	315	345	660
Infrastructure (Roads, Utilities)	142	426	568
Physical Growth Sheet Totals (All Elements)	1598	3359	4957

#### *Other Noteworthy Elements (Informers)*

*(These are all elements that relate to certain types of growth and development that are desirable, and to the processes and regulations used in the planning process. They are useful to keep in mind as actions are taken and change occurs in the future with regard to the aspect of Physical Growth)*

<u>Element</u>	<u>Grow</u>
<i>Green Building / Sustainability</i>	<i>368</i>
<i>Infill &amp; Redevelopment</i>	<i>349</i>
<i>Planned Urban Growth Areas</i>	<i>295</i>

### II. Themes Found in Written Responses to Questions

People Like:	Scenic beauty; horse farms
People Want:	Better method of planning that is integrated, balanced, and unified
Greatest Asset:	Scenic beauty [70]; natural surroundings [30]; horse farms [110]
Greatest Weakness:	Public transportation [40]; traffic congestion [30]; poor road planning [20]; development that is uncoordinated [30], too rapid [20], of poor quality [20]; lack of a unified planning vision [30]; potential loss of the rural / urban mix [20]
Greatest Opportunity:	Downtown revitalization [80]; infill and redevelopment efforts [30]; improved method of planning in the future [20]
Greatest Challenge:	Maintaining and improving public infrastructure [40]; improving traffic congestion [50]; improving public transportation [20]; controlled growth and development [10]; unified planning vision [120]
Legacy / History:	Horses [170]; farms [150]; horse capital [30]; rural landscape [30]
Vision / Future:	Revitalized downtown achieved [30]; planning foresight and new strategies [30]; preserved rural landscape [30]
Great Idea Topics:	Control growth in ways that preserve the rural landscape; institute more green, sustainable growth; broad inclusion and partnerships in planning / decision making; regional cooperation

## Aspect of Community Life – Economic Expansion

### I. Community Elements Receiving Most Round 1 Emphasis (Top 4)

<u>Element</u>	<u>Protect</u>	<u>Grow</u>	<u>Total</u>
New / Existing Business Expansion	142	<u>449</u>	591
Stable Employment / Adequate Wages	245	<u>407</u>	652
Workforce Training & Education	131	<u>314</u>	445
Agricultural Industry	<u>302</u>	150	452
Economic Expansion Sheet Totals (All Elements)	1285	<u>2754</u>	4039

#### *Other Noteworthy Elements (Informers)*

*(These are all elements that provide significant direction with regard to the community's economic development policy and areas where focused effort is desirable. They are useful to keep in mind as actions are taken and change occurs in the future with regard to the aspect of Economic Expansion.)*

<u>Element</u>	<u>Grow</u>
<i>Entrepreneurship &amp; Innovative Partnerships</i>	<i>290</i>
<i>New Products &amp; Markets</i>	<i>203</i>
<i>Regional Cooperation</i>	<i>272</i>
<i>Higher Education as Economic Engines</i>	<i>267</i>

### II. Themes Found in Written Responses to Questions

People Like: Diversity of opportunities

People Want: More good job opportunities

Greatest Asset: Equine industry [30]

Greatest Weakness: Lack of opportunity [10]; losing young people after they receive their educations [10]; too few large companies / employers [10]

Greatest Opportunity: Retain young people by providing opportunities [30]; greater emphasis on tourism [10]

Greatest Challenge: Creating job opportunities [10]; maintaining a balanced economy [10]

Legacy / History: Equine industry [110]; bourbon [10]

Vision / Future: Better job opportunities [30]; retain young people [10]; build on horse industry [10]

Great Idea Topics: Build on our assets to create an entrepreneurial, intellectual economy / environment; knowledge based industries; animal health economic corridor

## Aspect of Community Life – Cultural Creativity

### I. Community Elements Receiving Most Round 1 Emphasis (Top 4)

<u>Element</u>	<u>Protect</u>	<u>Grow</u>	<u>Total</u>
Attraction of Tourism	151	<u>443</u>	594
Performing Arts Facilities	114	<u>317</u>	431
Develop an Arts & Entertainment District	124	<u>521</u>	645
Diverse Cultural Offerings & Events	129	<u>358</u>	487
Cultural Creativity Sheet Totals (All Elements)	962	2647	3609

#### *Other Noteworthy Elements (Informers)*

*(These are all elements that provide additional focus and direction with regard to the community's evolving cultural life and efforts toward future enhancements. They are useful to keep in mind as actions are taken and change occurs in the future with regard to the aspect of Cultural Creativity.)*

<u>Element</u>	<u>Grow</u>
<i>Public Art</i>	<i>296</i>
<i>Access to Arts Training / Education</i>	<i>251</i>
<i>Cultural Heritage Facilities</i>	<i>232</i>

### II. Themes Found in Written Responses to Questions

People Like:	The increasingly vibrant cultural scene - growing
People Want:	More vibrant downtown, increased arts and cultural opportunities
Greatest Asset:	A growing, vibrant arts and cultural scene [10]
Greatest Weakness:	Lack of a vibrant downtown [30]; need more cultural activities [10]
Greatest Opportunity:	People and organizations in the arts and cultural community [10]; artists [10]
Greatest Challenge:	Generating more community support for the arts [10]
Legacy / History:	Lexington's history as a community [30]; political leaders [10]; many well-preserved historic buildings [10]
Vision / Future:	Increased cultural activities [10]; greater role for the arts in community life [10]
Great Idea Topics:	Creating a more vibrant downtown [50]; an arts and entertainment district (or districts) [20]